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The Tennessee Self Concept Scale:
Reliability, Internal Structure, and Construct Validity

Historically, self-concept research has emphasized a general or total self-concept. Although some researchers from the time of William James have posited self-concept to be multidimensional, there was limited empirical support for the assumption (Coopersmith, 1967; Marsh & Smith, 1982; Marx & Winne, 1978; Shavelson, Hubner & Stanton, 1976; Wylie, 1974) prior to the 1980s. Whereas numerous factor analytic studies reported multiple factors, these factors were typically difficult to interpret, unreplicable, or not clearly related to the scales that an instrument was intended to measure. Reviewers were particularly critical of the poor quality of self-concept instruments (e.g., Wylie, 1974). In dramatic contrast, more recent empirical research (Byrne, 1984; Byrne & Shavelson, 1986; Dusek & Flaherty, 1981; Fleming & Courtney, 1984; Harter, 1982; Marsh, Barnes & Hocevar, 1985; Marsh & Hocevar, 1985; Marsh & Shavelson, 1985; Soares & Soares, 1982) has found clear support for the multidimensionality of self-concept. The difference is apparently due to changes in the design of self-concept instruments. Early instruments tended to consist of a hodge-podge of self-related items and exploratory factor analysis was used to search for the salient factors. Current instruments are typically designed to measure a priori factors that are at least implicitly based on theory, and factor analysis is used to refine and confirm these a priori factors.

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<u>The Design of the TSCS.</u>

The Tennessee Self Concept Scale (TSCS; Fitts, 1965), unlike most early instruments, emphasized the multidimensionality of self and was specifically designed to measure & priori factors. Fitts noted the need for a scale that was "multidimensional in its description of self-concept" (1965, p. 1) and developed the TSCS to meet this need. In this respect, the TSCS was a forerunner of more recently developed instruments.

Fitts used a 5 (external frame of reference; EXT) x 3 (internal frame of reference; INT) x 2 (positively vs. negatively worded items; PN) facet design in the development of the TSCS. The 5 EXT scales — Physical self, Moral self, Personal self, Family self, and Social self — are like the traits posited on many subsequent instruments (e.g., Marsh, Barnes & Hocevar, 1985). In Fitt's schema each of these self-concept traits could be manifested in relation to three internal frames of reference — Identity

(what I am), self-Satisfaction (how I feel about myself), and Behavior (what I do or how I act). Identity is the private, internal self-concept, whereas Behavior is the manifestation of self that is observable to others. Self-Satisfaction reflects an actual-ideal discrepancy. Thus Fitts notes that a person can have high scores on the Identity and Behavior scales but still have a low Satisfaction score "because of very high standards and expectations of himself" (1965, p. 2). The third facet in the design of the TSCS, PN, provided a control for various response biases although Fitts also suggested that differences in responses to positively and negatively worded items may represent psychological conflict (1965, p. 4). Each of the 90 TSCS items can be classified into one of 3x5=15 cells representing all combinations of the EXT and INT facets, or one of 30 cells if positively and negatively worded items are considered separately. Whereas a wide variety of scores have been proposed, Fitts' discussion and most subsequent research has emphasized the 5 EXT scales, the 3 INT scales, and a total score. The construct validity of responses to the TSCS in relation to the 3x5 design and the 3x5x2 design is the focus of the present investigation. Reviews of the TSCS.

The TSCS continues to be one of the most popular personality instruments and, perhaps, the most widely used muitidimensional self-concept instrument. Bolton (1976) noted that it ranked 14th in total number of references for all personality tests during the 1969-71 triennium and was one of the few tests to increase its rank-order by 30 points or more between the last two publica ons of Buros' Personality Tests and Reviews. In the most recent Mental Measurements Yearbook (Mitchell, 1985, p. xviii), the TSCS ranked 18th in total number of references compared to all tests, 12th among personality tests; and 1st among self-concept instruments (followed by the Piers-Harris Childrens' Self Concept Scale and the Coopersmith Self Esteem Inventories). More than 800 TSCS references are listed in the various Buros publications, and many more references are contained in a supplement to the Test Manual. Despite this tremendous popularity, reviews of the TSCS differ dramatically. In his extensive review of self-concept instruments, Crandall (1972) rank-ordered instruments in terms of "perceived overall quality" and selected the TSCS as the best of existing instruments. Bentler's 1972 review of the TSCS indicated that "the various content areas are well conceived" (p. 366) but also noted "the virtually complete absence of information regarding the internal structure of the scale" (p. 367) that is surprising for a multidimensional self-concept instrument. In a particularly

negative review, Wylie (1974) concluded that "no justification can be offered, either a priori analysis in terms of acceptable methodological criteria or from a survey of empirical results to justify using the scale" (p. 236). Wylie, like Bentler, was critical of the lack of evidence about the TSCS factor structure and the discriminant validity of its many scores. Factor Analyses of ISCS Resources

Numerous exploratory factor analyses (EFAs) of TSCS responses (e.g., Bolton, 1976; Boyle & Larson, 1981; Fitzgibbons & Cutler, 1972; Gaber, 1984; Gable, La Salle & Cook, 1973; Hoffman & Gellen, 1983; Lang & Vernon, 1977; Pound, Hansen & Putnam, 1977; Rentz & White, 1967; Roffe, 1981; Tzeng, Maxey, Fortier & Landis, 1985; Vacchiano & Strauss, 1968; also see Wylie, 1974) have been conducted, but are not easily summarized. The findings vary substantially depending on the number of factors retained and whether item or scale scores were analyzed. Many studies are uninterpretable because scales based on overlapping sets of items that force spurious correlations (i.e., the 5 EXT and 3 INT scores described above) were factor analyzed (e.g., Gaber, 1984; Pound, Hansen & Putnam, 1977; Rentz & White, 1967; Roffe, 1981; also see Wylie, 1974). Across the other studies there was better support for the EXT scales -- particularly the Social, Family, and perhaps the Physical scales -- than the INT scales. Nevertheless, if enough factors were retained in analyses of item responses (e.g., Vacchiano & Strauss, 1968; Gable, et al., 1973), or items within a single EXT scale were analysed (e.g., Tzeng, et al.), then differentiable subcomponents were found for each EXT scale. For example, the Physical scale has components reflecting physical health, physical attractiveness, and neatness of appearance, whereas the Moral scale has components reflecting religion, honesty, and morality. In analyses of item responses, factors reflecting a majority of the items from any one internal scale were unusual, though some factors reflected primarily the intersection of an EXT and an INT scale. For analyses of scale scores, however, support for INT scales -- particularly the Satisfaction scale -- seemed stronger. In some studies there were negative-item factors that may represent a method effect or response bias (see Marsh, 1986a, 1987b; Carmines & Zeller, 1979; for discussion of negative item factors in self-concept research). In one of the earliest studies, Vacchiano and Strauss concluded that "the TSCS is a complex measure of self" (p. 326) but found that most of their empirically derived factors reflected subcomponents of specific EXT scales. Subsequent research seems to support these conclusions.

The Present Investigation

The purpose of the precent investigation is to further examine the construct validity of responses to the TSCS. This was accomplished by examining the internal structure of responses to the TSCS and by examining relations between TSCS responses and external constructs. The internal structure of TSCS responses was examined with three analytic strategies: (a) exploratory factor analyses (EFA) of item and scale responses; (b) contirmatory factor analyses (CFA) in which a priori factors corresponding to the design of the TSCS were postulated; and (c) an ANOVA model adapted from multitrait-multimethod (MTMM) research to examine the portions of variance explicable by EXT scales, by INT scales, by positively vs. negatively worded items, and by various interactions amon, these effects. The external validity of the TSCS responses was tested with an adaptation of MTMM analysis. First, TSCS responses were related to responses from the Self Description Questionnaire (SDQ) III, a self-concept instrument that has a particularly well defined factor structure. Second, TSCS responses were related to ratings by external observers.

METHODS

Subjects. Design and Procedures

Subjects were 343 participants in one of 9 Outward Bound courses offered in 1985 or 1986. The Outward Bound program is a 26-day residential program that consists of vigorous outdoor activities that promote both individual initiative and group cooperation. Participants were between 15 and 37 years of age (Median = 21), most were unmarried, 3/4 were male, and they represented a wide range of socioeconomic backgrounds. A majority had been employed on a full-time basis during the year prior to the course and about 1/3 had been full-time students. A more detailed description of the Outward Bound program, its impact on multidimensional self-concepts, and the type of students who participate in it are presented by Marsh, Richards and Barnes (1986a, 1986b). As part of a larger research program, participants completed the TSCS and SDQIII on the first day of the course, and were rated by external observers on the last day of the course.

The Measurement Instruments

TSCS. Fitts (1965) described the development and use of the TSCS, and this was briefly summarized earlier. Analyses described here are based on the 90 TSCS items, half of which are negatively scored, that are responded to on a 5-point response scale that varies from "completely true" to "completely false." The additional 10 items from the MMPI lie scale are not

considered here. As recommended in the Manual (Fitts, 1965), negatively scored items were reverse scored, and then item responses were summed to form various scale scores. Because the TSCS was completed as part of the Outward Bound program, there were nearly no missing responses (less than 1/10 of 1%). For each subject, scale scores were based on the mean of nonmissing responses. The scale scores to be considered and internal consistency estimates are described in more detail as part of the analysis (see Table 7).

SDOIII. The SDOIII is a 136-item multidimensional self-concept instrument that measures 13 dimensions of self-concept. Each of the 13 SDO III scales is represented by 10 or 12 items, half of which are negatively worded (see Marsh & D'Niell, 1984, for the wording of the items), and subjects respond on an eight-point "1-Definitely False" to "8-Definitely true" response scale. Previous SDOIII research (e.g., Byrne & Shavelson, 1986; Marsh, 1986b, 1986c, 1987c; Marsh, Barnes & Hocevar, 1985; Marsh & Jackson, 1986; Marsh & D'Niell, 1984; Marsh, Richards & Barnes, 1986a, 1986b) has shown that the SDOIII responses are reliable, are stable, and have convergent and discriminant validity with respect to the ratings by external observers, to performance on academic achievement measures, and to participation in athletics. In this previous research factor analyses, both EFAs and CFAs, have clearly identified all the 13 factors of self-concept that the SDOIII was designed to measure.

Summary descriptions of the 13 SDGIII scales are: (a) Math -- I have good mathematical skills/reasoning ability; (b) Verbal -- I have good verbal skills/reasoning ability; (c) Academic -- I am a good student in most school subjects; (d) Problem Solving -- I am good at problem solving/creative thinking; (e) Physical Ability -- I am good at sports and physical activities; (f) Appearance -- I am physically attractive/good looking; (g) Relations With Same Sex -- I have good interactions/relationships with members of the Same Sex; (h) Relations With Opposite Sex -- I have good interactions/relationships with members of the Opposite Sex; (i) Relations With Parents -- I have good interactions/relationships with my parents; (j) Spirituality/Religion -- I am a religious/spiritual person; (k) Honesty-- I am an honest/reliable/trustworthy person; (l) Emotional Stability -- I am an emotionally stable person; (m) General Self Esteem -- I have self-respect, self-confidence, self-acceptance, positive self-feelings, and a good self-concept.

SDGIII responses were collected as part of the Outward Bound program under the supervision of Outward Bound staff, and so there were nearly no

missing responses (less than 1/10 of 1%). For present purposes, each SDQIII scale score was defined as the mean of nonmissing responses to items in that scale. An unreported factor analysis of SDQIII responses conducted as part of the present investigation clearly replicated the findings reported by Marsh. Richards, and Barnes (1986a, 1986b). Internal consistency estimates are presented as part of the analyses (see Table 7).

External Observer Ratings.

For most of the Outward Bound program, participants work in small groups, and activities are specifically designed to foster intense interaction and cooperation among group members. Hence, by the end of the 26-day residential program, group members had observed each other in a wide range of experiences. On the last day of the program participants were asked to complete additional summary instruments describing other members in their group. For this task, each participant was asked to rate "which of the these people have got to know you the best throughout your varying experiences at Outward Bound." On the basis of these ratings group members were choser to infer the multidimensional self-concepts of each person in the group, subject to the constraint that all participants served as external observers for the same number of individuals and each individual was rated by two external observers. In inferring the multidimensional self concepts, external observers were told: "Judge the statements AS YOU THINK THE PERSON YOU ARE JUDGING WOULD FILL THEM 1N, if asked to do so. You should base your responses on everything you know about that person, i.e., what they say, what they do, the way they think about things in general and think about themselves."

External observers responded to 12 single—item scales designed to parallel 12 of the 13 SDQIII scales, all but General Esteem, on a 9-point "very inaccurate" to "very accurate" response scale. The wording of the 12 items is the same as the summary descriptions presented above. Marsh, Barnes and Hocevar (1985; also see Marsh, 1986b) have previously used these same scales for this purpose, and found support for their convergent and discriminant validity in relation to responses to the SDQIII.

External observer ratings were collected as part of the Outward Bound program, and so there were virtually no missing values. For purposes of the present investigation, each of the set of 12 external observer ratings was taken to be the mean of nonmissing responses across the two external observers. The external observer ratings were collected for all but two of the Outward Bound courses considered in the present investigation, and resulted in external observer ratings for 280 subjects. Because each scale was

defined by a single response, internal consistency estimates of reliability could not be determined. The agreement between responses by two independent external observers, however; does constitute a reliability estimate and is presented as part of the presentation of results (see Table 8).

The Internal Structure of TSCS Responses
Exploratory Factor Analyses.

Adopting an exploratory framework, over two hundred EFAs of responses to the TSCS were conducted. These varied with respect to the number of factors retained (as few as 3 to as many as 20), the type of rotation, and the level of aggregation. Separate sets of analyses were done on responses to the 90 TSCS items, the 3x5=15 scales representing all combinations of the INT and EXT facets, and the 3x5x2=30 scales that also separated responses to positively and negatively worded items. Additional EFAs were performed on each of the 5 sets of 18 items representing each of the EXT scales. Because so many factor analyses were conducted there is a degree of arbitrariness in the selection of results that are actually presented. An attempt was made to select solutions that were most interpretable, solutions that were well defined in that each factor had at least two (and preferably more) substantial loadings, and solutions that corresponded most clearly to a priori factors that the TSCS was designed to measure.

Analyses of 90 item responses. The first results are for EFAs of responses to the 90 TSCS items. The 9-factor oblique solution (Table 1) provides clear support for three EXT scales -- Family, Social, and Physical. For each of these scales a majority of items (at least 13 of 18 items) designed to define it load positively on the same factor, the items represent both positively and negatively worded items, and the items represent all three INT scales. Several items from the Personal/Identity cell (e.g., I'm a cheerful person) load instead on the Social factor, suggesting that they may be misclassified.

Insert Table 1 About Here

Factor 9 provides some support for the Personal scale, but its interpretation is more ambiguous: only 8 of 16 items designed to measure this scale have substantial loadings (none higher than .41), these come primarily from the Behavior scale, and several items from other scales have loadings as high or higher than any of the Personal items. Factor 9 seems to reflect a lack of persistence/decisiveness rather than a general Personal self.

Moral items contribute substantially to three different factors. Eight of the 16 Moral items, primarily from the Identity scale, load substantially

on factor 6. Because of the strong evaluative component of these items factor 6 can be interpreted as a "good person" factor. Four of the moral items define a bipolar religion factor, factor 7, that may cause problems in the interpretation of TSCS scores. Three Moral (religion) Satisfaction items (e.g., I ought to go to church more) load positively on factor 8 but the Identity item "I am a religious person" has a substantial negative loading. That is, it is respondents who think of themselves as religious persons who feel more dissatisfied with themselves in relation to religion. Whereas this pattern may be consistent with Fitts' original conceptualization of the Satisfaction scale, it may be inconsistent with summing across all Moral items to form a moral scale score. Factor 8 is also a religious or ethical factor, but it is unidimensional in that all substantial loadings are in the same direction. (The bipolar religion factor and a separate unidimensional religion/ethical factor were also reported by Gable, et al., 1973).

Factor 2 can be interpreted as a weak negative—item factor because all 10 items that define i: are negatively worded items. These 10 negatively worded items represent all 5 EXT scales, but 8 of the 10 items come from the Satisfaction INT scale. Whereas this factor is clearly distinguishable, it is not clear whether it is substantively important or a substantively irrelevant method effect.

Factor 4 seems to be a weak Satisfaction factor. All 5 items that have substantial positive loadings come from the Satisfaction scale, though these represent only 2 of 5 EXT scales. Many other Satisfaction items, however, have small positive loadings on the factor. In contrast, many of the Identity and Behavior items have small negative loadings. This pattern appears to be similar to that observed with the bipolar religion factor.

In summary, factor analyses of the 90 TSCS items provide good support for only the Physical, Social and Family scales of the TSCS. The results also suggest an effect of negatively worded items that may be a response bias and potential problems in the interpretation of Satisfaction items.

Thirty (5x3x2) ISCS scales. Thirty scales, each the sum of responses to three items, were formed to represent all possible combinations of the 5 EXT scales, the 3 INT scales, and the positively and negatively worded items. Factor analyses of these scales have both advantages and disadvantages compared to analyses of item responses. Because measured variables are based on responses to three items, they are more reliable, more generalizable, and less influenced by idiosyncratic uniqueness in each item. However, the items used to form each scale must be reasonably homogeneous and derived

factors cannot be readily interpreted with respect to individual item content. Five of the 7 factors (Table 2) are similar to factors based on item responses; the Physical, Social and Family factors representing 3 EXT scales, a bipolar Moral factor, and a negative item factor. The other two factors are defined by both Moral and Personal items, though one is defined primarily by positively worded items and the other by negatively worded items.

Insert Tables 2 & 3 About Here

Fifteen (5x3) scales. Fifteen scales, each the sum of responses to six items, were formed to present all possible combinations of the 5 EXT and 3 INT scales. Three of the 5 factors (Table 3) correspond to the Physical, Social and Family scales that were identified in Tables 1 and 2. Factor 2 is like the Satisfaction factor identified in Table 1. Factor 5 is defined by Identity and Behavior scales from the Personal and Moral factors. Because each measured variable was the sum of responses to 3 positively and 3 negatively worded items, it was, of course, impossible to obtain a negative-item factor.

Other, unreported analyses. Forty-five "item-pair" scales, each the sum of responses to 2 items, were formed by pairing a positively worded and regatively worded item representing the same 1NT and the same EXT scale. Thus, each of the 15 cells in Fitts' 3x5 schema was represented by 3 item pairs each consisting of a positively and a negatively worded item. The selected factor solution (not shown) had nine factors similar to those in Table 1. They differed in that a negative item factor was not possible because of the way the scales were formed and one additional factor interpreted to represent Family Satisfaction was identified.

Additional, unreported EFAs were conducted for each of the 5 sets of 18 items that define the 5 external scales. Between 2 and 5 interpretable factors were found for items from each EXT scale: (a) Physical (Fit/healthy body; Neat appearance; Attractiveness; Sickness); (b) Moral (Honest, reliable, trustworthy; Bipclar religion (as in Table 1); Religion/Ethics); (c) Personal (Personal Satisfaction; Calm, easy-going; Negative self-Identity; Self-reliant; Lack of persistence/decisiveness); (d) Family (Family Satisfaction; Family Identity; Active role; Family dissatisfaction); (e) Social (Social; Social dissatisfaction). Whereas these results indicate that none of the external scales is clearly unidimensional, they are not easily summarized. Most of the subcomponents representing each scale are distinguishable on the basis of specific item content. Others reflect the influence of specific INT scales -- particularly Satisfaction -- or the

influence of positively and negatively worded items. Confirmatory Eactor Analysis.

In CFA the researcher posits an a priori model and tests its ability to fit the data. The general approach is to: (a) examine parameter estimates in relation to the substantive, a priori model (and also for improper solutions); (b) evaluate the model in terms of indices of fit such as the X, the X /df radio, the Tucker-Lewis Index (TLI), and the Bentler-Bonett Index (BBI; Bentler & Bonett, 1980; also see Marsh, Balla & McDonald, 1986); (c) compare the fit of alternative, a priori models; and, perhaps, (d) test new, a posteriori models if the a priori models do not perform adequately or if further clarification of a priori structures is needed. The application of CFA and its advantages over EFA are well known (e. g., Bentler & Bonett, 1980; Joreskog & Sorbom, 1981; Long, 1983; Marsh & Hocevar, 1983; 1985; McDonald, 1985; Pedhauzur, 1982) and will not be reviewed here.

In CFA studies, measured variables are typically posited to be influenced by just one factor in who, may be referred to as a single facet test draign. In the present investigation, each measured variable is posited to be influenced by an external frame of reference, an internal fram of reference, and, perhaps, the positive or negative wording of items. In this respect the TSCS represents a two-facet or even a three-facet test design. Hence, the present application of CFA is more complicated than typical.

A particularly popular application of CFA to a two facet design is the analysis of MTMM data. For MTMM data, the one facet consists of the multiple traits whereas the second facet consists of the multiple methods. Each measured variable is posited to represent the influence of one trait and one method. In MTMM analyses the trait facet is posited to represent validity whereas method facets are posited to reflect invalidity, but this interpretational distinction has no effect on the actual analyses. The application of CFA to the two-facet MTMM design has been reviewed by Widaman (1985) and Marsh (in press; 1987c; Marsh & Hocevar, 1983). These researchers describe a systematic set of a priori models used to test the influence of each of the facets. The general approach advocated by these researchers and the CFA models that they summarized are adapted in the present investigation of responses to the TSCS. Marsh (in press; Marsh, Barnes & Hocevar, 1985) also proposed a three-facet MTMM design in which an additional facet is added (e.g., traits, methods and occasions).

The TSCS was developed according to a three-facet fully crossed test design. The three facets are the 5 external frames of reference (EXT), the 3

internal frames frames of reference (INT), and the positive or nzgative wording of items (PN). In the present analyses each of the 30=5x3x2 cells of this 3-facet test design is represented by one scale that is the sum of responses to 3 items. The 30x30 matrix of correlations among these scale scores was the basis of the CFAs. Whereas it is possible that parsimonious models reflecting just one of the facets (e.g, a five-factor model consisting of the EXT scales or a 3-factor model consisting of the INT scales) could adequately describe this data, the results of the EFAs suggest this to be unlikely.

One plausible model that is consistent with the TSCS design (see Table 4) posits 10 a priori factors. According to this model, each of the 30 measured variables loads on 1 of 5 EXT factors, 1 of 3 INT factors, and 1 of 2 PN factors; the remaining 7 factor loadings are fixed to be zero. In order to maintain the independence of the facets and also in order for the model to converge to a proper solution, it is necessary for factors representing different facet to be uncorrelated. That is, correlations among the 5 EXT factors, among the 3 INT factors, and among the 2 PN factors are freely estimated, but all other factor correlations are fixed to be zero. Models like this one are typically used in the CFA of MTMM data and have been evaluated extensively in that context (Marsh, in press; 1987c; Widaman, 1985).

Insert Tables 4 & 5 About Here

A detailed progression of alternative models was posited to test the ability of each facet, each pair of facets, and all three facets to f'z the data (Table 5). In the first, most parsimonious model (Model 1) a single factor that might correspond to total self-concept is posited. One-facet models positing only 2 PN factors (Model 2), only 3 INT factors (Model 3), or only 5 EXT factors (Model 4) each do substantially better than Model 1, indicating that Model 1 is inadequate. Model 4 fits the data better than Models 2 or 3, suggesting that the EXT facet has the greatest influence. Two-facet models (Models 5, 6 and 7), however, perform better than any of the one-facet models, indicating that the one-facet models are inadequate. Finally, the three-facet model (Model 8) that posits 5 EXT factors, 3 INT factors, and 2 PN factors provides a substantially better fit than do any of the two-facet models.

Several approaches were taken in evaluating Model 8. Guidelines of what value a fit index must attain in order for a model to be judged as providing an adequate fit must be interpreted cautiously. Nevertheless, a χ^2

ratio of 1.53 for Model 8 — particularly given the moderately large sample size — and a TLI of .93, are typically interpreted to indicate an adequate fit. Inspection of the modification indices provided by LISREL (see Joreskog & Sorbom, 1981) provide an estimate of the improvement in fit that would result in freeing any particular parameter. For the total of 671 parameters fixed to be zero (210 factor loadings, 26 factor correlations, and 435 uniquenesses correlations), the largest modification index was 9.1. Of particular relevance, none of the factor correlations that were fixed to be zero had a modification index of more than 5. In summary these results, along with the comparisons with alternative models, indicate that the fit of Model 8 is adequate.

The inspection of the parameter estimates (Table 4) is important for evaluating a solution. Factor loadings for 4 of the 5 EXT factors, all but the Moral factor, are well defined in that all factor loadings are positive and statistically significant. The factor loadings for the Personal factor, however, are smaller than those for Physical, Social and Family factors. For the Moral factor, 3 of 6 factor loadings are nonsignificant. Whereas the factor loading for the Moral/Identity/positive scale is substantial and positive, the factor loadings for the two Satisfaction scales are negative. It should be noted that a similar pattern of factor loadings was observed for each of the EFAs (The factor labelled bipolar religion in Tables 1-3)... In summary, interpretations of the 5 EXT factors are reasonable and generally consistent with results based on the EFAs, though the Moral factor is different from the one proposed by Fitts.

Each of the 3 INT factors is well defined in that all 10 factor loadings defining each factor are statistically significant and positive. Consistent with the Fitts' interpretation of the Satisfaction scale, the Identity and Behavior factors are more highly correlated with each other (.83) than with the Satisfaction factor (.61 & .75). The very high correlations among all three INT factors suggests either a general self-concept that influences responses to all 3 INT scales or a halo effect. Whatever the explanation, the INT factors — particularly the Identity and Behavior factors, are not well differentiated.

The Regative item factor is well defined in that all factor loadings are positive and 14 of 15 are statistically significant. In contrast, only 5 of 15 factor loadings on the positive item factor are significant, and two of these are negative. This suggests that the positive item factor is weak and that its interpretation may be ambiguous. One additional model in which

the positive item factor was eliminated was tested in order to further examine this influence. Whereas the elimination of the positive item factor led to a modestly (statistically significant) poorer fit, its elimination had little effect on other parameter estimates.

The Application of the MTMM Anova Model.

Stanley (1961; also see Kavanagh, Mackinney & Wolins, 1971; Marsh & Hocevar, 1983) demonstrated that when repeated measurements of subjects are measured across all levels of two different facets (e.g., the EXT and INT facets of the TSCS), three orthogonal sources of variance can be estimated. The main effect due to subjects is a test of how well the total scores (e.g., total self-concept) differentiate among subjects. If this effect is nonsignificant or small, then total scores are similar for all subjects. The two-way interactions between subjects and each facet reflect the extent to which overall differentiation between subjects depends on that facet. If an interaction is small or nonsignificant, then the facet has no discriminant validity in that raters are ranked the same for each level of the facet (e.g., the rank order of individuals is the same for each of the EXT scales). If an interaction is large, a facet has discriminant validity in that subjects are differentially ranked depending on the level of the facet (e.g., subjects are ranked differently for the Physical and Social scales). The main effects of each facet and their interaction are typically of little interest in this analysis, and will be zero if all scales are standardized to have the same mean and standard deviation. The three-way interaction (e.g., subjects \times EXT \times INT) is assumed to represent only random error, and is used to test the statistical significance of the other effects. Consequently, there is an implicit assumption that differentiation among subjects does not depend the interaction between the two facets, and this is frequently cited as an important weakness of this model (e.g., Marsh & Hocevar, 1983). Stanley (1961) noted, however, that it is possible to expand the two-facet design so that this third-order interaction can be estimated independently of the error term.

For purposes of the present investigation the ANOVA model is expanded to include all three facets of the TSCS design. This provides a test of the PN facet as well as the INT and EXT facets. Variance can be partitioned into seven orthogonal sources (see Table 6) in this four factor unreplicated ANOVA model. The highest order interaction term (subjects x INT x EXT x PN) is still assumed to represent random error. This expanded model, however, provides a test of whether differentiation among subjects depends on any of

the two-way interactions among the three facets. In particular, the subjects $x \in XT \times INT$ term that could not be estimated for the two-facet model is testable in this expanded three-facet model.

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In the present investigation, because the df are so large, all sources of variance are statistically significant. The variance components (Table 6) provide an indication of the relative size of the effects. The largest source of non-error variance is due to subjects, suggesting a general self-concept that influences all ratings or, perhaps, a generalized halo effect that influences the self-report responses. The next largest source is due to the subjects x EXT interaction, providing support for the discriminant validity of the EXT scales. Differentiation among subjects also depends on INT and PN facets and, to a smaller extent, the EXT x INT interaction. The remaining sources of nonerror variation, though statistically significant, are smaller.

The results provide support for the discriminant validity of the EXT and INT facets that were most important in the design of the TSCS. Differentiation among subjects also depends on whether the TSCS items are positively or negatively worded, and this may represent the influence of a response bias. Differentiation among subjects depends to a lesser extent on the two-way interactions among the facets -- particularly the EXT \times INT interaction. That is, differentiation among subjects depends not only on the effects of the INT and EXT facets, but also on particular combinations of these facets. This finding may be consistent with the design of the TSCS, but appears to be inconsistent with the scale scores that are typically used to summarize TSCS responses. The recommended scores represent the marginal scores in the 3x5 design of EXT and INT facets (e.g., Physical responses averaged across the three INT scales and Identity responses averaged across the 5 EXT scales). To the extent that particular combinations of the INT and EXT facets have discriminant validity, however, it may be more appropriate to report scores for all 3x5=15 combinations of these facets.

Relations Detween TSCS Responses and External Constructs

Tests of the internal structure of the TSCS responses provide important evidence about its construct validity. Different analytic procedures, for example, provide clear support for differentiation among the Physical, Social, and Family scales of the TSCS. An implicit assumption, of course, is that the basis of this differentiation is consistent with interpretations of the scales. Support for this assumption requires that the TSCS responses be

related to external constructs. The problem of determining appropriate external criteria is, however, an important obstacle. Self-concept responses are intended to represent the respondents own self-perceptions whether or not these are reasonable in relation to objective external criteria or the observations of external observers. Two frequently used criteria for validating responses to a self-concept instrument are responses to other self-concept instruments and the observations of external observers. Relations Between ISCS and SDGIII Responses

A frequently used approach to validating responses to one instrument is to correlate the responses from it to responses from other instruments that are designed to measure similar constructs. When both instruments are based on self-report responses by the same person, it may be dubious to interpret this approach as a test of external validity. Nevertheless, tests of the consistency of responses across independently constructed instruments do provide a valuable source of information about the construct validity of responses to each instrument. Because few self-concept instruments have a well-defined structure, this approach is usually applied to correlations between total scores (see Wylie, 1974). To the extent that responses to each instrument are correlated, then responses are not idiosymmetric to either instrument. A much stronger application of this approach is possible, however, when two or more multidimensional self-concept instruments are designed to measure similar components. Using the logic of MTMM analysis, scores for matching scales from different instruments should be substantially correlated, whereas scores between nonmatching scales should be substantially less correlated. When the intended scales from each instrument are strictly parallel, or when only matching scales are selected from different instruments, the data can be analyzed with the traditional approaches to MTMM data (e.g., Byrne & Shavelson, 1986). Even when the scales from the different instruments are not strictly parallel, the logic of MTMM analyses can be adopted (Marsh & Smith, 1982).

TSCS responses are validated against SDQIII responses in the present investigation, and the SDQIII is particularly well-suited for this purpose. First, the factor structure for responses to the SDQIII is well-defined as shown for the data used here and in many previously published factor analyses. Second, there seems to be a reasonably clear correspondence between the TSCS EXT scales and the SDQIII scales: (a) the TSCS Family scale corresponds to the SDQIII Parents scale; (b) the TSCS Social scale corresponds to the Same Sex and Opposite Sex scales on the SDQIII (c) the

TSCS Physical scale corresponds to the Physical Ability and Physical Appearance scales on the SDQIII; (d) the TSCS Moral scale corresponds to the Honesty/Trustworthiness and the Spiritual/Religion scales on the SDQIII; (e) the TSCS Personal scale is not so obviously related to SDQIII scales, but appears most like General Esteem and, perhaps, Emotional Stability; (f) the TSCS has no specifically academic self-concept scales corresponding to the Academic, Math, Verbal, and Problem Solving scales of the SDQIII, though some items in the TSCS Personal scale may relate to these academic components. Whereas several EXT TSCS scales appear to correspond to more than one SDQIII scale, EFAs of the EXT items suggest that these scales contain differentiable subcomponents that may correspond more directly to specific SDQIII scales. Also, Marsh (1987c) has posited higher-order SDQIII factors in which two or more scales are combined that may correspond more directly to the TSCS scales.

Correlations between the 5 TSCS EXT scales and the 13 SDQIII scales are presented in Table 7. Correlations between scales posited to be matching (indicated with asterisks) are like convergent validities in MTMM analyses. Applying the logic of MTMM analyses these 9 convergent validities should be substantial and substantially higher than correlations between non-matching TSCS and SDQIII scales. The median of these 9 convergent validities vary, between .53 to .71, the one exception being the near-zero correlation between the TSCS Moral and the SDQIII Spiritual/Religion scales. In contrast to these substantial convergent validities, the median of the remaining 56 correlations is only .30 and just two of these correlations are greater than .5 (both these involve the SDQIII General Esteem scale which should be substantially correlated with other areas of self-concept). In general, these results provide support for both the convergent and discriminant validity of responses to the TSCS and the SDQIII.

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The three smallest convergent validities involve the the TSCS Physical and Moral scales — particularly the near—zero correlation between TSCS Moral and SDQIII Spiritual/Religion scales. A more detailed analysis of the Identity, Satisfaction, and Behavior components of these TSCS scales, however, reveals some interesting anomalies. The SDQIII Spiritual/Religion scale is substantially correlated (.51) with the Moral/Identity scale, not significantly correlated (.08) with the Moral/Behavior scale, and significantly negatively correlated (-.38) with the Moral/Satisfaction scale.

This apparently represents the influence of the bipolar religious component identified in the TSCS Moral responses in earlier factor analyses. In contrast, the SDQIII Honesty/Trustworthiness scale is most highly correlated with the Behavior component of the TSCS Moral scale. The SDQIII Physical ability scale correlates only .53 with the TSCS Physical scale. It, however, correlates .60 with the Physical/Behavior scale and only .39 and .34 with the Physical/Identity and Physical/Satisfaction scales. In contrast, the SDQIII Physical Appearance scale correlates .51, .69, and .53 with the Identity, Satisfaction and Behavior components of the TSCS Physical rcale.

As summarized earlier, EFAs of the TSCS Physical and Moral items suggested that these scales could be differentiated into distinguishable components: (a) Physical (Fit/healthy body; Neat appearance; Attractiveness; Sickness); (b) Moral (Honest, reliable, trustwort(ny; Bipolar religion; Religion/ethics). The contents of several of these TSCS factors seem to correspond more closely to SDQIII scales than do the TSCS Physical and Goral scales. In order to test this observation, factor scores were derived from the factor analyses of the TSCS Physical items and of the TSCS Moral items, and were related to the SDQIII scales (Table 7). The SDQIII Physical Ability scale was substantially more highly correlated with the Fit/healthy body factor score (.66) than with any of the other factor scores or the TSCS Physical scales (in Table 7). The SDQIII Physical Appearance scale was more substantially correlated with the Attractiveness factor score (.76) than with other {actor scores or the YSCS scales in Table 7. The SDQIII Spiritual/Religion and the TSCS Bipolar religion γ actor score were more highly correlated (.76) than any other pair of ".38 and SDQIII scores. Finally, the SDQIII Honesty/trustworthiness scale was more substantially correlated with the corresponding factor score (.54) than with other factor scores or the TSCS scales in Table 7. It had been expected that the TSCS Religion/ethics factor score would be more substantially correlated with the SDQIII Spiritual/Religion scale. It should be noted however, that this factor was the most poorly defined of the TSCS factors considered in Table 7 (it had no factor loadings greater than .45 whereas all other factors had at least three factor loadings between .5 and .80) and was the secund factor related to religion extracted from the TSCS Moral items.

In summary, these analyses provide strong support for both the convergent and discriminant validity of responses to the TSCS and SDQIII. Further analyses, however, revealed important anomalies in some of the TSCS scales. For the TSCS Physical and particularly the Moral items, well defined

SDQIII scales than were the total scale scores. These additional analyses, then, provided stronger support for the construct validity of the SDQIII scales — particularly the Spiritual/Religion scale — and also provided convincing evidence of the multidimensionality of some of the TSCS EXT scales. These further analyses also suggested, however, that distinctions between the Identity, Satisfaction, and Behavior subcomponents of some EXT scales may reflect systematic content differences in the items used to define the subcomponents instead of, or in addition to, the influence of the INT frames of reference. For example, the TSCS Fhysical/Behavior scale was most highly correlated with the SDQIII Physical Ability scale whereas the TSCS Physical/Satisfaction scale was most highly correlated with the SDQIII Physical Appearance scale. As noted earlier, even when the existence of a priori factors are supported, the interpretation of these factors should be tested with external constructs.

Ratings By External Observers.

Multidimensional self-concept ratings were inferred by each of two external observers for 12 single-item rating scales designed to parallel 12 of the 13 SDQIII scales (all but General Esteem). Thus, the hypothesized relations between the external observer ratings and the TSCS responses is the same as posited for the TSCS and SDQIII scales except for General Estem. Correlations between the 12 observer rating scales and the 5 TSCS EXT scales (Table 8) provide only modest support for convergent validity. The 8 convergent validities range from .05 to .31 (median = .23) and 7 are statistically significant. The one nonsignificant convergent validity is the correlation between the Spiritual/religion scale and the TSCS Moral scale. Despite these modest convergent validities, there is reasonable support for the discriminant validity of responses to the TSCS Family, Social, and Physical scales. Whereas the magnitude of correlations between observer ratings and TSCS EXT scales is much lower than observed between SDQIII and TSCS scales, the pattern of results is similar.

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The only nonsignificant convergent validity was between Spiritual/religion observer scale and the TSCS Moral scale. The Identity component of the TSCS Moral scale, however, is substantially correlated with this external observer rating (.29) whereas the TSCS Moral/Satisfaction scale is negatively correlated with it. Furthermore, the TSCS factor labeled Bipolar Religion correlates .40 with the Spiritual/religion scale, and

represents the highest correlation between any TSCS scale and observer ratings. This anomalous pattern is like that observed for the TSCS Moral and the SDQIII Spiritual/religion scales. The factor scores derived from the TSCS Physical items also provide modest support for the separation of different physical factors.

The external observar ratings may, perhaps, also provide a basis for testing the 'alidity of the INT scales. Results from Table 7 suggest that the 9D9III scales are more consistently correlated with Identity and, to a lesser extent, Behavior scales than to Satisfaction scales. Behavior is, however, the most obvious basis for external observers to form inferred self-concept ratings. Intuitively it would seem that external observer ratings should be most highly correlated with Behavior ratings and least correlated with Satisfaction ratings. Results in Yable 8, however, provide no support for these expectations. The Behavior scale tends to be less correlated with observer ratings than the Identity scale and even the Satisfaction scale (except for the Moral responses that were already discussed). Whereas there may be plausible counter-explanations of these findings, they provide no support for the construct validity of the TSCS INT scales.

The observer rating scales were specifically designed to parallel 12 of the SDQIII scales, and so observer ratings may be more highly correlated with SDQIII responses than TSCS responses. Correlations among the 12 observer rating and corresponding SDQIII scales indicate that the 12 convergent validities vary from .17 to .37 (median r = .35), all are statistically significant, and only one (Emotional Stability) is less than .25. With the exception of the Emotional Stability scale, there is also clear support for discriminant validity. These results provide much stronger support for the validity of the external observer ratings than did the TSCS responses.

The purpose of the external observer ratings for analyses summarized here was to validate TSCS and SLJIII responses. Whereas this empirical use of observer ratings is legitimate, research on relations between self-concept and self-concept inferred by significant others has a long and important theoretical history (e.g., Marsh, Barnes & Hocevar, 1985). There are, however, important limitations in the use of external observer ratings. First, most research has found disappointingly small correlations between self-report responses and the observations of external observers (e.g., Shrauger & Schoeneman, 1979). Second, because the observer ratings were designed to parallel the SDQIII scales, they may be more relevant as a test of the validity of the SDQIII responses than the TSCS responses that were

the focus of this study. Third, single-item rating scales such as those used by the external observers are known to have poorer psychometric properties than the multi-item scales such as the SDGIII and TSCS scales. Results in Table 8 show that the reliability of the external ratings as inferred from agreement between the two observers (median \approx .47) is disappointingly low. Marsh, Barnes and Hocevar (1985) correlated SDGIII responses with external observer ratings based on the single-item scales used here and multi-item scales. Whereas support for convergent and discriminant validity was found for observer ratings on single-item scales, better support was found for observer responses to multi-item scales. Fourth, external observers in the present investigation only knew the participants within the context of the 26-day Outward Bound program. Marsh, Barnes and Hocevar (1985), for example, specifically asked individuals to select the person in the world who knew them the best, and these individuals were able to infer self-concepts much more accurately than the external observers considered here. Hence, the modest support for the construct validity of ratings by external observers --despite all these limitations -- is surprisingly good.

Summary and Discussion

The TSCS is one of the few self-concept instruments developed prior to the 1970s that was specifically designed to measure a priori dimensions of self-concept. Nevertheless, reviewers have been critical of the lack of empirical information about the TSCS structure and support for the discriminant validity of its scales. Subsequent research, primarily EFAs of item or scale responses, has not resolved this problem. The purpose of the present investigation was to examine further support for the construct validity of the TSCS.

The internal structure of the TSCS was examined with factor analyses and analyses adapted from MTMM research. Each of these analyses indicated the multidimensional nature of the TSCS responses, but empirically derived factors were sometimes not clearly related to the scales which the TSCS was intended to measure. There was clear and consistent support for three of the EXT scales — Physical, Social and Family, but not for the remaining scales. The Moral scale was complicated by the existence of a bipolar religious component that has been reported in previous research. Personal self appears to be the least specific of the EXT scales and was not consistently identified as a differentiable factor.

Interpretations of correlations between TSCS responses, SDGIII responses, and the external observer ratings provided support for

interpretations of TSCS's internal structure. Support for convergent and discriminant validity was strongest for the TSCS Physical, Social and Family scales. Only when the TSCS Moral scale was separated into subcomponents was its relation to SDQIII and observer responses clarified. The TSCS Personal factor was most strongly related to the SDQIII General Esteem scale, though it is not clear that it was intended to be such a scale.

There was little support for the TSCS INT scales in the present investigation. These scales were not clearly identified in the EFAs, and were so highly correlated in the CFAs as to be difficult to distinguish. Whereas this facet does influence TSCS responses, this influence may reflect the idiosyncratic wording of items used to define these scales instead of, or in addition to, the internal frames of reference that they were intended to measure. To the extent that these internal frames of reference have an effect, it seems that this effect is specific to particular EXT scales so that it may be unjustified to interpret INT scales averaged across the five EXT scales.

There was also an influence due to the wording, positive or negative, of TSCS items. It is unclear, however, whether this effect is substantively important or a substantively irrelevant method effect. Fitts (1965) suggests that differences between positively and (reverse scored) negatively worded items reflects psychological conflict in self-perceptions, and proposed a variety of conflict scores based on such discrepancies. Whereas this operationalization of conflict is not easily tested, the process is posited to be bipolar. The positive and negative item factors in the CFA of TSCS responses (Table 4), however, were not significantly correlated. In fact, it was only the influence of negatively worded items that could be readily identified. This suggests that the effect of positively vs. negatively worded items represents a response bias that is specific to negatively worded items (also see Marsh. 1987b).

One of the most interesting aspects of the TSCS design, in addition to its clearly articulated emphasis on a multidimensional self-concept, is the theoretical role of satisfaction. According to Fitts' conceptualization, Satisfaction is like the self-ideal discrepancies posited by other researchers. That is, satisfaction is the juxtaposition between accomplishments and the standards that one sets for oneself. Empirical support for discrepancy models of self-concept is generally weak (e.g., Wylie, 1974; 1979), due in part to methodological problems in the analysis of discrepancy scores, though interest in this approach continues to be strong

(e.g., Higgins, Klein & Strauman, 1985). Most researchers, however, measure actual-self and ideal-self independently, and infer self-satisfaction or esteem from the discrepancies between the two. Measuring satisfaction directly, as in the TSCS, may avoid methodological problems in the use of difference scores, but it introduces new problems as demonstrated with the bipolar religious factor. Individuals who had religious identities (e.g., responded more positively to the item "I am a religious person") had lower self-satisfaction in relation to religion (e.g., responded negatively to the item "I am as religious as I want to be"). This distinction is lost, however, when responses are summed across Identity, Satisfaction and Behavior responses as in the TSCS EXT scales and the total score. That is, quite different levels of accomplishments and internal standards can lead to the same level of satisfaction. Whereas it may be more justifiable to sum responses across the Satisfaction items, the definition of satisfaction in relation to accomplishments and internal standards probably varies for different areas of self-concept. Furthermore, TSCS Satisfaction scale was no more highly correlated with the SDQIII Esteem scale than were the TSCS Behavior and Identity scales. In summary there appear to be problems with the operationalization of self-satisfaction in the TSCS that render its interpretation as dubious.

Fitts (1965) proposed a 3x5 schema for the design of the TSCS, and recommended the use of the 8 marginal scores in interpreting responses to the TSCS. Implicit in this recommendation is the assumption that there is no interaction between the EXT and INT facets. The identification of EFA factors that represent a particular combination of EXT and INT items, the results of the ANOVA model, the interpretation of the bipolar religion factor, and, perhaps, even Fitts' own interpretation of the Satisfaction scale suggest that this assumption is unwarranted. However, the interpretation of the 15 scales that represent the cells in this 3x5 schema may also be unwarranted. Individually, the reliability of these 15 scales is not sufficient to justify their practical application. Furthermore, the substantial correlations among many of the scales (see Table 3) would further complicate interpretations of TSCS responses based on them.

The emphasis of the present investigation has been on the examination of TSCS responses in relation to the subscales that it was designed to measure. It is also important, however, to evaluate the TSCS scale in relation to what it does not measure. Most empirical and theoretical research identifies academic self-concept as an important self-concept

dimension, particularly for school-aged individuals in Western society. Marsh (Marsh, 1986c; Marsh, Byrne & Shavelson, 1987) argue that because Math and Verbal self-concepts are nearly uncorrelated, at least two dimensions of academic self-concept should be included in multi-dimensional instruments. The exclusion of any academic self-concept scale on the TSCS seems unjustified for an instrument that is to be used by school-aged subjects.

Historically, the TSCS is important because of its popularity, because of its emphasis on multiple dimensions of self-concept and, perhaps, because of its theoretically provocative design. In the 1960s it may have represented the best of existing self-concept instruments as suggested in Crandall's 1972 review, particularly if a multidimensional measure was sought, though other reviewers were less favorable. Its continuing popularity demonstrates its heuristic value. Despite its historical importance and heuristic value, however, the TSCS in not a strong instrument when judged by current test standards. The TSCS was designed to be multidimensional, but multidimensional statistical procedures were apparently not used in the original construction/selection of items and the items have not been refined during the ensuing 30 years. From this perspective it is hardly surprising that there is weak support for many of the scales that the TSCS is designed to measure. Whereas responses to the TSCS are multidimensional, clear empirical support was found for only 3 of 5 EXT scales and for none of the 3 INT scales in the present investigation, and these findings seem to be consistent with previous research. The threefacet design of the TSCS was theoretically important, and all three facets influence responses to the TSCS. Neither the nature nor the theoretical significance of the INT and PN facets are well understood, however, and the INT facets seems to introduce unjustified complications into the interpretation of TSCS responses. Finally, the lack of an academic self seems unjustified for an instrument to be used with school-aged respondents.

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Table 1
Exploratory Factor Analysis of Responses to 90 TSCS Items

Subscales and Paraphrased Items	1	2	Empir 3	ically 4	Leri 5	ved 1	Factor 7	-5 8	9
Physical Subscale 1 Have healthy body 2 Like to look neat 3 I'm an attractive person 4 Full of aches & pains 5 Consider myself sloppy 6 I'm a sick person 7 Neither too fat or thin 8 Neither too tall or short 9 Like my looks 10 Don't feel well as should 11 Like to change body 12 Should have more sex appeal 13 Take care physically 14 Feel good mostly 15 Careful about my appearance 16 Do poorly in sports/games 17 Act wall thumbs 18 I'm a poor sleeper	-05 02 19 -01 04 -02 01 00 06 00 -03 17 -02 20 18 10 -06	-14 -10 06 13 00 00 -08 01 -01 11 07 33 07 11 -01 -01	17 02 01 06 12 -01 01 09 02 01	15	59*13 39*29*31* 29*31* 69*31* 69*57* 30*58* 28*32* 44*	19 07 15 09 14 00	02 -381 -17 -01 -16 02 02 15 02 05 -12 -03 -11 -04 -05	-01 20 05 22 -09 06 -03 17 08 08 11 07 -16 -26 -25	07 01 -04 -11 14 05 02 -02 -05 24 08 -01 162 -01 06
Moral-ethical Self Subscale 19 I am decent person 20 I am religious person 21 I am honest person 22 I am moral failure 23 I am a bad person 24 I am morally weak 25 Satisfactory moral behavior 26 Religious as I want to be 27 Satisfied relation to God 28 Wish more trustworthy 29 Ought to go to church more 30 Shouldn't tell so many lies 31 True to religion everyday 32 Do right most times 33 I change when do wrong 34 Use unfair means 35 Sometimes do bad things 36 Trouble doing right things	05 02 -12 -01 09 05 01 -02 01 -08 02 01 -20 -18 -02	03 -13 06 09 06 03 16 -11 -11 51* 47* -08 -12 *30*	-05 12 01 -01 10 03	03 22 04 -08	08 00 08 22 14 11 -05 00 12 03 04 -05 -01 -04 08 -04	36* -08* 32* 41* 42* 02 24 -08 17 035* 19 13 45	-15 -61* 18 06 -10	19 27 12 06 21 04 02 -04 31* -07 11 01 41* 06 33* 08 11	06 10 12 07 05 11 05 07 08 10 08 19 03 03 14
Personal Self Subscale 37 I'm a cheerful person 38 Have lots of self-control 39 I'm calm/easy-going person 40 I'm a hateful person 41 I'm a nobody 42 I'm losing my mind 43 Satisfied to be what I am 44 I'm as smart as I want 45 I'm as nice as I should be 46 Not person I like to be 47 I despise myself 48 Wish didn't give up easily 49 Can take care of self 50 Solve my problems easily 51 Take blame without get mad 52 Change my mind a lot 53 Do things without thinking 54 Run away from my problems	05 07 01	-05	09 05 11 09 02 14 00 04 05 -03 -04 12 -07 08	06 06 04 03 -27 34 44 40 23 07 14 23 -05 -11 -05	05 17 12 11 18 04 23 08 08 32 25 04 10 03 10	09 23 18 13 27 10 17 26 11 18 -20 19 18 08 03 12	04 03 -10 07	22 -06 -01 05	05 32 15 -01 -05 14 11 -08 08 03 35 41 33 40 33 40 33

Eamily Self Subscale 35 Family help when in trouble 36 Important to family/friends 37 Member of happy family 38 I'm not loved by family 39 Friends no confidence in me 60 Family doesn't trust me 61 Satisfied family relations 62 Treat parents as I should 63 Understand family as should 64 Too sensitive to family 65 Should trust family more 66 Should love family more 67 Play fair family/friends 68 Do share of work at home 69 Take interest in family 70 Quarrel with family 71 Give in to parents 72 Don't act as family wants	-02 13 14 11 -06 -05 -10	12 08 -04 14 09 03 08 11 301 341 -09 -03 -10 02 14	26 75 56 17 59 74 43: 49: 05	* -19 * -17 * -16 * 17 * 36 * 42 * 11 * 07 -21 00 00 01 -21	06 19 00 15 00 07 \$ 02	19 -04	7 -05 -05 -05 -05 -05 -06 -07 -04 -05 -05 -06 -05 -08	-03 -03 -01 12 -02 10 -03 -04 -02 -03 10 10 -07	-11 -01 -05 -13 09 09 05 11 15 48 22 -04 27 07 07 39 12 32
Social Self Subscale 73 I'm friendly person 74 I'm popular with women 75 I'm popular with men 76 I'm mad at whole world 77 Not interested in others 78 Hard to be friendly with 79 I'm as sociable as I want 80 Satisfied with treat others 81 Please others, not overdone 82 Should be more polite 83 I'm no good socially 84 Ought get along better 85 I understand other's view 86 See good points in all 87 Get along well with others 88 Not at ease with others 89 I do not forgive easily 90 Hard to talk to strangers	51	-05 -04 -13 09 02 10 11 07 -09 57* 12 64* -17 -04 02 17	03 -01 07 13 -02 07 14 15 04 08 03 05 07 -04 07 00 03 -02	-07 -03 -15 24 -01 27 06 07 -12 20 10 20 04 -02 02 -01	03 17 09 04 -03 -04 05 06 -11 -07 -14 -04 002 003 004	19 -02 02 18* 09 -04 -01 -09 -04 -13 -09 -13 -09	-09 08 04 05 11 09 04 10 04 -19 -08 -02	-12 -07 00 07 15 -14 -19 -08 -08 13 -08 38 18 02 05 33	-03 09 135 035 04 -05 13 -01 -14 01 09 06 01 09
Correlations Among Factors Social Negative—items Family Satisfaction Physical Moral (good person) Bipolar Moral (religion) Moral (religion) Personal (identity/behavior)		-05 15 10	100	100 06 03	100 25 -01 14 25	100	100 01 02	100 15 10	06

Note. The exploratory factor analysis was conduct with SPSS-x (SPSS, 1986) using a Kaiser normalization, principal factoring, and a oblimin rotation with delta = 0. A total of 26 eigenvalues were greater than 1.0. Within each of the 5 subscales of 18 items, the three internal frames of reference (identity, satisfaction, behavior) are represented by the first six, second 6 and third six items. Within each subscale of these sets of 6 items, the first three are positively scored items and the second three are negatively scored items. For present purposes, negatively scored items have been reversed so that higher scores always reflect a more positive self-concept. Factor labels used in factor correlation matrix are based on a subjective interpretation of the derived factors. All coefficients are presented without decimal points.

^{\$} indicates the highest factor loading for each item and factor loadings
greater than .30.

Table 2

Exploratory Factor Analysis of Responses to 30 TSCS Subscales

_		Empirically Derived Factors								
Subscales		1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
7 Physical Physical Moral Moral Moral Personal Personal Personal Family Family Social Social	orded Subscales Identity Satisfaction Behavior Identity Satisfaction Behavior Identity Satisfaction Behavior Identity Satisfaction Behavior Identity Satisfaction Pehavior Identity Satisfaction Behavior Identity Satisfaction Behavior	05 -02 14 06 -01 05 431 04 22 03 -16 17 69* 33*	-09 13 02 09 07 00 10	05 11 09 01 52: 46: -26 -33: -12 29 16 -03 27	-10 -07	581 671 554 07 01 -07 18 19 11 07	-05	-20 -05 -18 07 -03 02 -05 05 13 -01 20 00 -11 01		
Megatively World Physical 17 Physical 18 Physical 19 Moral 20 Moral 21 Moral 22 Personal 23 Personal 24 Personal 25 Family 26 Family 27 Family 28 Social 29 Social 30 Social	Identity Satisfaction Behavior	03 02 11 08 -0! -06 28 11 13 14 -07 16 60* 57*	052 -02 -04 03 -45* 12 03 -11 -04 -06 -02 -14 -28 08	-02 00 35\$ 22 14 09 -19 08 -10 -05 01 -05	09 -05 09 12 04 07 17 -01 02 53* 26 12 03 -02	43# 56# 37# 18 02 07 44# 11 03 -04 -05 08	34* -04 15* 30* 37* 37* 05 14 18 -04 05 21 04 -04	-01 30* 22 -14 33* 34* 10 35* 34* 09 58* 41* -03 39*		
Correlations Ad Social Bipolar Moral Moral/Personal Family Physical Moral/Personal Negative Items	mong Factors	100 12 29 36 43 25 23	100 00 04 10 07 08	100	100	100 19 21	100			

Note. The exploratory factor analysis was conduct with SPSS-x (SPSS, 1986) using a Kaiser normalization, principal factoring, and a oblimin rotation with delta = 0. A total of 7 eigenvalues were greater than 1.0. For present purposes, negatively scored items have been reversed so that higher scores always reflect a more positive self-concept. Factor labels used in factor correlation matrix are based on a subjective interpretation of the derived factors. All coefficients are presented without decimal points. (See Table 2 for wording of the items)

* indicates the highest factor loading for each item and factor loadings
greater than .30.

Table 3

Exploratory Factor Analysis of Responses to 15 TSCS Subscales

Subscales	Empirically Derived Factors
1 Physical Identity 2 Physical Satisfa 3 Physical Behavion 4 Moral Identity 5 Moral Behavion 7 Personal Behavion 8 Personal Satisfa 9 Personal Behavion 10 Family Identity 11 Family Satisfa 12 Family Behavion 13 Social Identity 14 Social Satisfa 15 Social Behavion	14 02 55\$ 08 07 06 -19 13 -03 71\$ 100 03 47\$ 00 17 07 -02 17 -05 12 56\$ 40\$ 06 13 11 33\$ 100 08 58\$ 38\$ 00 14 18 23 08 04 37\$ 11 -11 12 61\$ 01 17 -05 -05 70\$ 05 81\$ -05 03 05 -04 44\$ 39\$ 08 14 -07 60\$ 04 02 00 15
Correlations Among Fact Social Satisfaction Physical Family Moral/Personal	100 17 100 49 20 100 46 38 44 100 46 18 49 48 100

Note. The exploratory factor analysis was conduct with SPSS-x (SPSS, 1986) using a Kaiser normalization, principal factoring, and a oblimin rotation with delta = 0. A total of 5 eigenvalues were greater than 1.0. For present purposes, negatively scored items have been reversed so that higher scores always reflect a more positive self-concept, and then corresponding positively and negatively worded items were summed to form the 15 subscale scores. Factor labels used in factor correlation matrix are based on a subjective interpretation of the derived factors. All coefficients are presented without decimal points. (See Table 2 for wording of the items)

Indicates the highest factor loading for each item and factor loadings greater than .30.

Table 4
Confirmatory Factor Analysis of Responses to 30 TSCS Subscales

	Δ D						SUDSC.	ales			
		1071 	Facto	rs	Repre	sentin	g			~~~~	
7880 a	EXT	Facet				INT F	acet		PN F	 acet	Error/
TSCS Subscales	Phys	2 Mor	3 Pers	4 Soc	5 Fam	6 Iden	7 Sat	8 Beh	9 Pos	10	
Positively Worded Subscal Physical Identity Moral Identity Personal Identity Social Identity Physical Satisfact Physical Satisfact Personal Satisfact Satisfact Pamil Satisfact Satisfact Physical Satisfact Satisfact Physical Satisfact Satisfact Physical Satisfact	0 0 0 55* 0 0 0 65*	0 72* 0 0 0 0 -35* 0 0 0 0	0 0 51* 0 0 0 22* 0	0 0 0 62‡ 0 0 0 0 56‡	63# 0 0 0 0 47#	36# 37# 52# 48# 37# 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 41* 50* 63* 61*	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	07 36\$ -12 20\$ 07 05 -10 -10 -21\$ -16\$	0000000	Uni quenes 53* 91* 45* 41* 48* 578 78* 66* 35*
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Note. The confirmatory factor analysis was conduct with LISREL V (Joreskog & Sorbom, 1981). All parameters with values of 0 or 1 were fixed whereas other parameters were freely estimated. For all parameter estimates statistical significance was tested with the standard error of the estimate provided by LISREL.

* p < .05.

Goodness of Fit Summaries for Confirmatory Factor Analysis Models Posited to Fit Responses to 30 Tennesse Self Concept Scales [N=343]

Model Description	X2	df	X2/df	TLI	BBI	
0 Null Model	3855	435	8.86			
1 1 General factor only	1499	405	3.70	. 656	.611	
2 2 PN factors only	1377	404	3.41	. 694	.643	
3 3 INT factors only	1360	402	3.38	. 697	.647	
4 5 EXT factors only	1173	395	2.97	.750	- 696	
5 2 PN and 3 INT factors	1065	371	2.87	. 762	.724	
6 2 PN and 5 EXT factors	710	364	1.95	.879	.816	
7 3 INT and 5 EXT factors	713	362	1.97	.877	.815	
8 2PN, 3 INT and 5 EXT factors	<i>3</i> 07	331	1.53	.932	.868	

Note. TLI = Tucker-Lewis Index. BBI = Bentler-Bonett Index. PN = facet of positively or negatively worded items. EXT = facet of physical, social, moral, family, and personal scales. INT = facet of identity, satisfaction, and behavior subscales. The null model posits 30 uncorrelated single—item factors and is used to calculate the TLI and BBI. Model 1 posits a single factor. The remaining models (2-8) posit factors represented in PN, EXT, and INT facets used in the design of the TSCS. Table 4 contains the parameter estimates for Model 8 and illustrate the definition of all the factors posited in Models 2-8.

Table 6

Variance in Respurses to the Tennesse Self Concept Scales Attributable To

Its Various Facets [N=343]

Source	df	00		Variance
A. L	UT 	SS 	MS	Component
Subjects (S)	342	1140.2	3.334**	. 1 04
S x Positive/Negative (PN)		217.4	. 636**	
S x External (Ext)	1368	688.1	.503##	.050
S x Internal (Int)	684	357.7	.523	.032
S x PN x EXT	1368	333.2	. 244	.013
S x PN x INT	684	195.3	. 286	.016
S x Ext x Int	2736	683.7	. 250	.023
S x PN x EXT x INT (error)	2736	557.1	.204	.204

Note. Results are based on a S (343) \times PN (2) \times Ext (5) \times INT (3) Anova. PN, EXT, and INT refer to differences due to positively and negatively worded items, the internal scales of the TSCS, and the external scales of the TSCS respectively. For this 4-factor unreplicated design the fourth-order interaction term is assumed to represent random error and used to test the statistical significance of all other effects. The computation of variance components is based on Kavenagh, et al. (1971).

Table 7

Correlations Between Scores From the Self Description Questionnaire (SDQ) III and From Tenneesse Self Concept Scales (TSCS) [N=343]

	SDG	111	Sco	res	1										
TSCS Scores	Prt	Ssx	Osx	Phy	Apr	Hst	Spt	Gen	Ent	Prb	Acd	Mth	Vrb	Tot	rxx
TSCS Total	51	52	37	40	56	47	05	69	5 7	24	37	16	40	71	93
External Scales Family Social Physical Moral Personal	68 * 33 33 25 38	33 61* 43 23 47	16 59* 28 10 34	19 32 53* 19 33	32 40 71* 30 50	39 31 29 53* 38	01 07 10 03 \$ 01	48 55 60 41 71*	39 48 44 36 60\$	14 25 30 28 39	28 25 29 30 36	10 01 14 17 21	24 35 27 33 39	48 59 63 45	84 81 81 69 82
Internal Scales Identity Satisfaction Behavior	51 42 43	52 41 48	42 25 33	41 26 39	52 51 45	44 32 51	25 -17 14	65 59 60	48 48 56	30 29 31	36 26 38	12 16 13	37 28 41	72 51 67	86 87 82
Ext/Int scales Fam/Id Fam/Sat Fam/Beh Soc/Id Soc/Sat Soc/Beh Phy/Id Phy/Sat Phy/Beh Mor/Id Mor/Sat Mor/Beh Per/Id Per/Sat Per/Beh	65* 54* 52* 25 32 21 30 19 34 21 21 33 26	36 19 29 53* 49* 432 433 445 45 39 33	21 05 17 531 498 498 225 24 04 02 36 29	27 08 16 34 22 39 34 60 21 09 12 30 24 28	31 24 25 37 29 30 51* 53* 32 49 49	37 24 22 29 27 18 45 45 23 50 36	08 -08 06 10 -14 23 19 05 51* -38* 08*	4573745 444451 444451 4432661*	28 34 35 36 37 428 345 27 29 58 46 46	22 14 29	25 19 30 15 15 12 23 15 12 24 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27	08 10 05 00 03 10 12 13 08 18 10 14 21	34 16 26 36 27	48 32 44 539 539 557 557 551 551 554	774853988810379464
Physical Factors Fit/healthy body Neat appearance Attractiveness Sickness d	25 32 20 27	29 30 36 35	26 29	66# 25 36 41	55 41 76 * 44	16 20 17 33	08 15 05 06	43 36 55 48	30 15 35 47	14	14 22	08 14	14 20	48 39 52 53	
Moral Factors Honesty Bipolar Religion Religion	31 06 13	28 07 14	05 -	23 06 13	30 01 24	54 ‡ 08 25	76*	44 00 - 31	07 -	06	ŌŽ -	10	ŌŽ	47 15 34	
rxx	9 0	9 0	9 2	9 2	88	77	96	90	9 0	84	93	86	94	96	

<u>Note.</u> All correlations, presented without decimal points, greater than .12 are statistically significant (p < .05, two-tailed).

The 13 SDQIII scores are: Parent Relations, Same Sex Relations, Opposite Sex Relations, Physical Abilities, Physical Appearance, Honesty/trustworthiness, Spiritual Values/Religion, General Esteem, Emotional Stability, Problem Solving, Academic, Math, and Verbal. Coefficient alpha estimates of reliability for all TSCS scale scores. Empirically derived factors scores from factor analyses of the 18 TSCS Physical items and of the 18 TSCS Moral items. Coefficient alpha estimates of reliability for SDQIII scale scores. Correlations between TSCS and SDQIII scales hypothesized to be matching (i.e., convergent validities).

Table 8

Correlations Between External Observer Ratings and Self-response Ratings to the Self Description Questionnaire (SDQ) III and Tennesse Self Concept Scales (*SCS) [N=280]

orasas (202) [i	 /=580]									
	Ext	ernal	Obse	rver	Ratio	a nos				
							Fot P			Vrb Tot
TSCS Total	18		16 20			07		9 17		
TSCS External Sc	ales					•	••••	, 1,	16	26 28
Family Social	24*	18	09 14			04	06 1	2 11	15	21 21
Physical	15 10	26 * 3	29* 13 08 3	3 24 1* 22	* 03	07 07	06 1 07 2		15 05 15	21 21 25 25
Moral Personal	07 12	04 (02 01	L OE	161	05*	08 1	5 18	16	13 24 22 17
TSCS Internal Sc		17	10 10	3 24	11	05	18# 2	2 16	15	25 28
Identity	23	20 2	20 17	7 24	08	19	11 1	7 15	14	22
Satisfaction Behavior	12 13	22 1	14 1E	3 19	08	-09	12 2	1 14	16	22 31 25 23
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Attractiveness Sickness	05 1	7 13 5 -01	27	26*	04	ŌĠ (36 22	15	15 16 16 14	
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Bipolar Religion Religion	09 -0 09 0	8 -01	-09	-05	06	401-0	7 -05	-01 -	14 19 05 -05	
DQIII Scales	•••	- "01	-01	06	07	19* 0	5 17	12	07 14	4 14
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Note. All correlations, presented without decimal points, greater than .12 are statistically significant (p < .05, two-tailed).

External observer scales correspond to SDQIII scales (see Table 8). r12 is the correlation between two different external observers whereas rxx is the scaleficient alpha mutimate of the total of the two ratings.